THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) Government of India has released in advance, two remaining quarterly instalments for the year 1993-94 and the first and second instalments for the year 1994-95 of the Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs. 21.00 crores to Government of Punjab.

Statement

District	Human lives lost	Catte Heads lost	Damage to crops (in Acres)
Jalandhar	10	5	1,26,000
Amritsar	41	456	2,06,333
Kapurthala	13	161	50,000
Gurdaspur	29	119	1,78,000
Hoshiarpur	12	121	40,578
Patiala	156	4,455	4,17,722
Ludhiana	13	71	36,000
Ropar	19	319	15,550
Fatahgarh St.	14	278	31,300
Sangrur	4	139	70,000
Firozpur	3	12	70,000
Mansa	7	158	2,33,000
TOTAL	321	6,294	14,74,483

The loss to public property has been estimated by the State Government at about Rs. 477.00 crores (provisional). Loss/damage to houses and private property is still being assessed.

New Agricultural Marketing Policy

1544. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to announce a new Agricultural Marketing Policy;

(b) if so, whether the overall situation in the agriculture sector and plight of farmers in the country is far from satisfactory; and

(c) if so, the details of the efforts made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to announce a new Agricultural Marketing Policy. However, draft Agricultural Policy/Resolution specifically calls for improvements in marketing of agricultural produce in different regions of the country and abroad.

(b) The overall agricultural situation in the country is very satisfactory with a record harvest of 181.2 million tonnes of foodgrains in 1992-93. The production of oilseeds and cotton has also been at record levels. The per capita income (net value added) in the farm sector has also increased by 22 percent during the years 1980-81 to 1990-91 at constant prices.

(c) The Government of India have prepared a draft Agricultural Policy Resolution to accelerate the all-round development and economic viability of agriculture resulting in generation of higher incomes in agriculture and improvement of quality of life in the villages. In the Eighth Five Year Plan, it is also envisaged to further step up incomes of the farming community, inter-alia, through diversification of agriculture, development of horticulture, animal husbandry and fishery, improvement of marketing of agricultural produce, development of post-harvest technology and agro-

processing for creating value addition in agriculture. The Plan also lays special emphasis to the employment generation programmes in the rural areas.

Autonomy to Cooperative Sector

1545. SHRI VITHAL BHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give more autonomy to the cooperative sector in the changed circumstances;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up a National Cooperative Bank, an apex body for the cooperative banking sector;

(c) what is the proposal of Government with regard to giving more autonomy to the cooperatives in different fields;

(d) whether any committee was formed to go into the matter if so, whether it has submitted its report; and

(e) by when Government are going to implement the report, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Cooperation being a State subject, the Central Government may only initiate steps for policy formulation. The major steps, including the reformulation of their Cooperative Societies Acts in the direction of giving autonomy to cooperatives will have to be taken by the State Governments. However, Government of India have decided to formulate National Policy of Cooperatives. A Committee known as the Committee on "Model Cooperatives Act" was set up by the Planning Commission. The Committee submitted its report which has been circulated to the State Governments for follow up action. The Central Government have initiated steps to reformulate the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 to give a lead to the State Governments to reformulate their cooperative legislations.

Setting up a National Technology Development Corporation

1546. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Technology Development Corporation for commercial transfer of technology developed at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research; and

(b) if so, what are the objectives of the proposed National Technology Development Corporation with details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) A proposal to constitute a separate Autonomous Body for commercialisation of agriculture technology/products is under consideration.

Subsidy given to Agricultural Sector

1547. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what is the total amount of subsidy given per annum to agricultural sector through fertilizer, irrigation, electricity and food?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): Sector-wise subsidies are decided by the Ministry of Finance taking a macro view of the economy. The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the Sabha.

बाढ़ नियंत्रण और सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए मध्य प्रदेश को केन्द्रीय सहायता

1548. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
चौधरी हरि सिंह:

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश को सिंचाई तथा बाढ़ नियंत्रण परियोजनाओं के लिए गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रतिवर्ष कितनी-कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई;

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकार ने उक्त राशि का पूरा उपयोग कर लिया है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

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1549. **श्री सुशील बरोंगपा:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: